

Intelligence Activities
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Office of Security

ATTENTION : 25X1A9a

SUBJECT : Instructions Concerning Espionage Laws

1. In accordance with your request, the following is suggested by way of general instructions concerning the espionage laws which you might want to give persons terminated by the Agency.

"a. You are reminded of the following provisions from the espionage laws (18 U.S.C.A. 793, 794):

"b. You are further advised:

"(1) The above prohibitions apply both during employment with CIA and after employment terminates.

"(2) 'National defense' is a generic concept of broad connotation, referring to the military and naval establishments, and the related activities of national preparedness. It is not limited to the places and things specified in the above quotation.

"(3) It is the responsibility of the person having information to determine whether a person to whom he intends to transmit it is a person 'entitled to receive it'."

2. Your paper "Interpretation of Espionage Act (Title 50 U. S. C.)" is returned herewith.

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